

Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 1:00 pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendance: First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Selectman Samantha Nestor, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene and Weston Residents.

This meeting was videotaped and can be viewed on Channel 79 and on our Town of Weston website.

1. **Call to Order:** First Selectman Spaulding called the meeting to order at 1pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence** - Pledge led by Amy Sanborn
3. **Discussion/decision to appoint Samantha Nestor to the Board of Selectmen**

Ms. Nestor was interviewed by the BOS. Ms. Nestor said that she has done extensive research on what is going on in town and is looking forward to serving. Selectman Grozinger moved to accept Samantha Nestor's resignation from the Board of Education and to appoint Samantha Nestor to the Board of Selectmen for a term to end November 5, 2019. First Selectman Spaulding amended the motion to add a resignation from the Marketing and Communications Committee and seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Nestor was then sworn in by Town Clerk Donna Anastasia. Selectman Nestor then joined the Board at the table.

4. **Discussion/decision to appoint a Selectman who, in the temporary absence of the First Selectman, shall act as First Selectman:** Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Samantha Nestor as the Selectman who, in the temporary absence of the First Selectman, shall act as First Selectman. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Discussion/decision to refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24, the following proposed projects: A) Expansion of Fire Station #1 to accommodate for Emergency Medical Services offices and training areas; B) Renovation and expansion of the Police Station; C) Conversion of a Town Hall storage room into an employee break room** First Selectman Spaulding reviewed plans with Brian Humes of Jacunski and Humes architects

along with the history of the timeline of this project and cost estimates. He went over the liabilities of current buildings and the planned improvements. First Selectman Spaulding said the proposed project total is \$2,275,140. Mr. Luiz added that EMS has pledges of \$750,000 to offset the costs of their portion of the project. First Selectman Spaulding then added that the Building committee has signed off on the plans and that the BOF expressed general support for the projects. Selectman Grozinger said he does not have questions, and as a member of the Fire Department he is very familiar with the structure, noting that improvements are much overdue. Selectman Nestor said she had the tour of the facilities and is interested in how Town Hall will reutilize space. Selectman Grozinger moved to refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24, the following proposed projects: A) Expansion of Fire Station #1 to accommodate for Emergency Medical Services offices and training areas; B) Renovation and expansion of the Police Station; C) Conversion of a Town Hall storage room into an employee break room. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Appointment of Ruby Hedge to the Board of Education:** First Selectman Spaulding explained this appointment would fill the seat vacated by Samantha Nestor. Selectman Nestor moved to appoint Ruby Hedge to the Board of Education for a term to end November 2, 2021. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hedge was then sworn in by Town Clerk, Donna Anastasia.

7. **Acceptance of Jerry Sargent's resignation from the Board of Finance effective November 26, 2018** Selectman Grozinger moved to accept Jerry Sargent's resignation from the Board of Finance effective November 26, 2018. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Discussion/decision to appoint Jeffrey Farr to the Board of Finance:** Mr. Farr stated he has spent 11 years on the Planning & Zoning Commission, has children that went through the school system, is recently retired and now wants to give back to town. Mr. Farr said his focus is to make sure the character of the town stays the way it is. Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Jeffrey Farr to the Board of Finance for a term to end November 2, 2021. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Farr was then sworn in by Town Clerk, Donna Anastasia.

9. **Discussion/decision to appoint Gregory Murphy to the Board of Finance** Mr. Murphy said he spent his whole career in finance and his philosophy is to provide the best town serves at the most

reasonable price. Selectman Nestor moved to appoint Gregory Murphy to the Board of Finance for a term to end November 2, 2021. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy was sworn in by Donna Anastasia, Town Clerk

10. Discussion/decision to create Capital Account #5019665-55001 entitled “Community Connectivity Design” and to fund it with a supplemental appropriation of \$40,000

Mr. Luiz explained the grant award and the necessity to fund it. He said the \$40,000 would cover costs associated with sidewalk design. Selectman Nestor asked if we do not get awarded this grant, can we put this money back into our account. Mr. Luiz answered that no money would be spent unless the project actually takes place. Selectman Grozinger moved to create Capital Account #5019665-55001 entitled “Community Connectivity Design” and to fund it with a supplemental appropriation of \$40,000. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Discussion/decision to create Capital Account #5019664-55001 entitled “18-19 State Library Renovation Grant” and to fund it with a supplemental appropriation of \$41,000

Mr. Spaulding went over the planned library work. He said the library will put in \$26,500 towards the project, and the Town share would be \$15,000. Ms. Ellen Strauss asked about contributions from friends of the library, but Mr. Spaulding said that is a separate entity from the Library Board. Ms. Amy Sanborn added that the Library uses private donations to fund adult programming and technology investments. Selectman Nestor moved to create Capital Account #5019664-55001 entitled “18-19 State Library Renovation Grant” and to fund it with a supplemental appropriation of \$41,000. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discussion/decision to create Capital Account #5019666-55001 entitled “18-19 LOTCIP Design” and to fund it with a supplemental appropriation of \$150,000: First Selectman Spaulding explained this grant would be used to extend sidewalks and create a dedicated turn lane into School Road and a “bump out” on school road. Ms. Strauss asked how sidewalks make it safer. Mr. Spaulding replied that the sidewalks keeps kids from walking on the street. Ms. Strauss then asked if these sidewalks will be maintained by the town – First Selectman Spaulding replied yes. Selectman Nestor felt a dedicated right turn lane into School Road would alleviate a lot of traffic. Selectman Grozinger moved to create Capital Account #5019666-55001 entitled “18-19 LOTCIP Design” and to fund it with a supplemental appropriation of \$150,000 with the understanding that this action is contingent upon the Town of Weston being awarded the LOTCIP grant funding it applied for. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **Discussion/decision to create Capital Account number #5019667-55001 entitled “Bisceglie walking trails” and to fund it with a supplemental appropriation of \$37,000:** First Selectman Spaulding explained this grant would be used to substantially improve the fitness trails at Bisceglie Scribner Park. He said the trails were built before the baseball fields and they need to be improved. Ms. Strauss asked about parking spaces. First Selectman Spaulding said there would be enough existing parking. Margaret Wirtenberg said Kiwanis put in fitness trails so perhaps they might be interested in contributing. Bill Brady asked if fitness stations will be replaced. Mr. Luiz replied yes. Marilyn Parker asked about along range plan for Bisceglie, Mr. Luiz replied at this time there isn’t one because the long-range plan was completed years ago and the work called for in that plan actually took place. Mr. Luiz said there may need to be a long-range plan because the pond will need capital improvements in a few years. Selectman Nestor moved to create Capital Account number #5019667-55001 entitled “Bisceglie walking trails” and to fund it with a supplemental appropriation of \$37,000 with the understanding that this action is contingent upon the Town of Weston being awarded the trail grant funding it applied for. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

14. **Discussion/decision on a proposed new ordinance concerning a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System:** Mr. Luiz explained that these ordinances that were previously adopted and needed to be posted within 10 days of the board voting, but The Norwalk Hour did not get it published, so the BOS needs to revote. Selectman Nestor moved to adopt a new ordinance concerning a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, as presented. First Selectman Spaulding seconded. Motion carried 2-1 with Selectman Grozinger opposed.

15. **Discussion/decision on a proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 39, Citations:** Selectman Grozinger moved to adopt an ordinance amendment to Chapter 39, Citations, as presented. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

16. **Discussion/decision on a proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 145, Property Maintenance:** Selectman Nestor moved to adopt an ordinance amendment to Chapter 145, Property Maintenance, as presented. First Selectman Spaulding seconded. Motion carried 2-1 with Selectman Grozinger opposed.

17. **Discussion/decision on a proposed new ordinance concerning retail checkout bags:**

Selectman Nestor moved to adopt a new ordinance concerning retail checkout bags, as presented. First Selectman Spaulding seconded. Motion carried 2-1 with Selectman Grozinger opposed.

18. **Executive Session to discuss the possible sale of real estate:** Selectman Grozinger moved to enter into executive session at 2:42 pm with Jonathan Luiz present for the purpose of discussing the possible sale of real estate. Selectman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

19. **Adjournment:** Selectman Nestor moved and Selectman Grozinger seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 3:37pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved: December 20, 2018